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POPULATION AND VITALS

TABLE 1 - QUEENSLAND POPULATION(a)

| Period | Estimated resident population '000 | Natural increase(b) '000 | Net migration | | | Increase during period | |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Interstate(c) '000 | Overseas(d) '000 | Total '000 | Number '000 | Proportion(e) % |
| 2005 | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 3,994.9 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 11.5 | 17.8 | 0.4 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | |
| Jun qtr | 4,053.4 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 9.5 | 17.7 | 0.4 |
| Sep qtr | 4,070.4 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 11.2 | 17.0 | 0.4 |

(a) Estimates for overseas migration, net migration, total population growth and estimated resident population from September quarter 2005 onwards are preliminary.

(b) Excess of births over deaths.

(c) Estimates for interstate migration have been derived from the latest census data on interstate movement in the preceding one year and unidentified information on interstate changes of address advised to Medicare Australia in the process of administering Medicare.

(d) See Technical Note Measuring Net Overseas Migration in the 3101.0 link below.

(e) The increase during the period expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

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TABLE 2 - QUEENSLAND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a) AT 30 JUNE

| Statistical Division | 2001 | 2005r | 2006p | Change 2001-2006p(b) | Change 2005-06 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| Brisbane | 1,629.1 | 1,790.9 | 1,820.4 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| Gold Coast | 432.6 | 494.2 | 507.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Sunshine Coast | 247.2 | 283.5 | 290.2 | 3.3 | 2.3 |
| West Moreton | 65.7 | 69.8 | 70.9 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Wide Bay-Burnett | 236.5 | 257.8 | 264.2 | 2.2 | 2.5 |
| Darling Downs | 210.4 | 223.2 | 226.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| South West | 27.0 | 27.1 | 27.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Fitzroy | 181.7 | 190.5 | 193.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Central West | 12.5 | 12.3 | 12.2 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| Mackay | 137.5 | 147.9 | 151.6 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| Northern | 190.3 | 206.3 | 210.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Far North | 224.2 | 239.3 | 243.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| North West | 34.3 | 34.3 | 34.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Queensland(c) | 3,628.9 | 3,977.1 | 4,053.4 | 2.2 | 1.9 |

(a) Estimates use the 2006 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (cat. no. 1216.0). Estimates for 2001 are final, based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, while those for 2005 are revised estimates and 2006 estimates are preliminary.

(b) Average annual growth rate.

(c) Including Off-Shore Areas and Migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 3 - QUEENSLAND CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a)(b)

| Period | Employed | | | Unemployed | | Total labour force | | Not in labour force '000 | Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Full-time '000 | Part-time '000 | Total '000 | Number '000 | Unemploy- ment rate % | Number '000 | Partici- pation rate % | | |
| ORIGINAL DATA | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb | 1,445.3 | 543.5 | 1,988.7 | 130.4 | 6.2 | 2,119.2 | 66.4 | 1,071.2 | 3,190.4 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 1,519.1 | 563.5 | 2,082.5 | 99.0 | 4.5 | 2,181.5 | 66.9 | 1,079.7 | 3,261.2 |
| Feb | 1,538.2 | 566.3 | 2,104.4 | 103.7 | 4.7 | 2,208.2 | 67.6 | 1,059.7 | 3,267.9 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb | 1,438.7 | na | 1,999.3 | 111.4 | 5.3 | 2,110.7 | 66.2 | na | na |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 1,524.6 | na | 2,120.2 | 88.6 | 4.0 | 2,208.8 | 67.7 | na | na |
| Feb | 1,531.3 | na | 2,116.5 | 88.2 | 4.0 | 2,204.7 | 67.5 | na | na |
| TREND ESTIMATES(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb | 1,433.3 | na | 2,000.8 | 107.0 | 5.1 | 2,107.8 | 66.1 | na | na |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 1,525.9 | na | 2,108.0 | 88.2 | 4.0 | 2,196.1 | 67.4 | na | na |
| Feb | 1,529.8 | na | 2,115.3 | 87.1 | 4.0 | 2,202.4 | 67.4 | na | na |

na not available

(a) From February 2004, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

(b) See Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey in Key Statistics Explanatory Notes below.

(c) Revisions in Seasonally Adjusted and Trend estimates are explained in the section 'Seasonal Adjustment and Trend Estimation' in the Explanatory Notes of **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6202.0).

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

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TABLE 4 - QUEENSLAND LABOUR FORCE(a) - EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

| Industry division | Feb 2006 '000 | Nov 2006 '000 | Feb 2007 '000 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Agriculture, forestry, and fishing | 34.4 | 40.7 | 42.8 |
| Mining | 35.4 | 34.3 | 37.2 |
| Manufacturing | 169.4 | 174.6 | 168.4 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 18.5 | 12.4 | 17.6 |
| Construction | 138.6 | 161.1 | 168.5 |
| Wholesale trade | 74.1 | 76.9 | 73.5 |
| Retail trade | 281.6 | 283.7 | 298.1 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 98.3 | 101.5 | 101.6 |
| Transport and storage | 87.8 | 92.8 | 100.9 |
| Communication services | 22.7 | 23.0 | 29.2 |
| Finance and insurance | 47.4 | 57.3 | 55.7 |
| Property and business services | 185.9 | 202.2 | 202.6 |
| Government administration and defence | 92.6 | 97.8 | 106.7 |
| Education | 140.0 | 136.5 | 137.8 |
| Health and community services | 183.4 | 191.2 | 193.9 |
| Cultural and recreational services | 42.6 | 44.5 | 45.6 |
| Personal and other services | 67.7 | 62.7 | 62.3 |
| Total all industries(b) | 1,720.5 | 1,793.2 | 1,842.4 |

(a) Estimates have been revised using updated population benchmarks and incorporating a minor change to the definition of unemployed persons. Detail of these changes can be found in the following article; Australia's Labour Market Statistics, April 2004, Feature Article - Technical Report: Improvements to Labour Force Estimates (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

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WAGES AND PRICES

TABLE 5 - QUEENSLAND AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES: TREND

| Period(a) | Males | | | Females | | | Persons | | |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Full- time adult | | All employees total earnings | Full- time adult | | All employees total earnings | Full- time adult | | All employees total earnings |
| | ordinary time earnings | Full- time adult earnings | | ordinary time earnings | Full- time adult earnings | | ordinary time earnings | Full- time adult earnings | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov | 1,015.00 | 1,079.80 | 900.60 | 866.00 | 880.10 | 598.30 | 960.60 | 1,005.80 | 752.90 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug | 1,042.70 | 1,119.10 | 976.70 | 884.40 | 900.30 | 628.50 | 984.60 | 1,039.50 | 808.10 |
| Nov | 1,052.80 | 1,130.90 | 988.60 | 889.40 | 905.40 | 640.80 | 992.50 | 1,046.80 | 818.50 |

(a) The actual reference period is the last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the middle month of the quarter.

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

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TABLE 6 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(a), BRISBANE

| Period | Food | Alcohol and tobacco | Clothing and footwear | Housing | Household contents and services(b) | Health | Transportation |
|---------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 2005 | | | | | | | |
| Dec qtr | 160.8 | 227.8 | 104.6 | 139.7 | 124.8 | 207.5 | 151.4 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 175.1 | 232.1 | 103.1 | 143.9 | 127.4 | 223.1 | 159.5 |
| Dec qtr | 176.1 | 233.4 | 102.0 | 144.8 | 128.0 | 220.6 | 154.0 |

| Period | Communication | Recreation | Education | Financial and insurance services(c) | All groups | All groups % change from previous quarter | All groups % change from same quarter previous year |
|---------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---|
| 2005 | | | | | | | |
| Dec qtr | 112.4 | 127.6 | 266.7 | 100.9 | 152.1 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 113.8 | 129.1 | 270.9 | 101.5 | 157.5 | 0.8 | 4.4 |
| Dec qtr | 114.4 | 130.1 | 271.0 | 102.0 | 157.3 | -0.1 | 3.4 |

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Series renamed and changed to composition (linked to 14th series equivalent), see Appendix 2 of **Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2005** (cat. no. 6401.0).

(c) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

Note: Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types are compiled once a year after each June quarter release of this publication. The latest update of these series, to June quarter 2003, was released in the September 2004 issue of the Australian Economic Indicators (cat. no. 1350.0). A link to this article can be found in Related Links on the **ABS CPI web site page**.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

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BUILDING

TABLE 7 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)(b)(c), ORIGINAL

| Period | Dwellings completed(d) | | | Value of building work completed | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | New houses no. | New other residential buildings no. | Total(e) no. | New houses \$m | New other residential buildings \$m | Non-residential building \$m | Total(f) in period(g) \$m | Value of work done \$m |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 6,330 | 3,466 | 9,816 | 1,350.8 | 853.1 | 1,006.9 | 3,498.3 | 3,768.9 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | |
| Junr qtr | 5,696 | 4,438 | 10,145 | 1,284.3 | 1,236.6 | 1,253.7 | 4,034.2 | 4,010.0 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sep qtr | 5,132 | 3,585 | 8,729 | 1,118.4 | 842.5 | 1,275.0 | 3,486.9 | 4,218.6 |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings; alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Data are inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs under '**GST on Building Activity**' at bottom of page.

(c) Some data items have been revised. For further information, see notes in the latest issue of **Building Activity, Australia** (cat. no. 8752.0).

(d) Including alterations, additions and conversions.

(e) Including dwellings created as a result of alterations and additions.

(f) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown in the foregoing columns.

(g) Including building work that is uncompleted during the period.

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

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TABLE 8 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING APPROVALS(a)(b), ORIGINAL

| Period | Dwelling units in new residential buildings | | | Value of all residential buildings | | | Value of all non-residential buildings |
|--------|---|-------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| | Private sector no. | Public sector no. | Total no. | Private sector \$m | Public sector \$m | Total \$m | Total \$m |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 2,081 | 33 | 2,114 | 543.7 | 14.7 | 558.5 | 445.9 |
| Dec | 2,820 | 43 | 2,863 | 680.5 | 9.6 | 690.2 | 293.8 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 2,989 | 38 | 3,027 | 817.3 | 7.6 | 824.8 | 592.1 |

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

(b) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

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FINANCE

TABLE 9 - QUEENSLAND HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), ORIGINAL(a)(b)(c)

| Period | By purpose | | | | | By type of buyer | | | |
|--------|---|--|--|-------|-----|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | | First home buyers | | Non-first home buyers(d) | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | For purchase of newly erected dwellings | For purchase of established dwellings(d) | For refinancing of established dwellings | Total | | Number of dwellings financed | Average borrowing size | Number of dwellings financed | Average borrowing size |
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | \$'000 | no. | \$'000 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--|
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 691 | 423 | 9,230 | 10,344 | 3,024 | 1,951 | 219.6 | 8,393 | 222.6 | |
| Dec | 1,150 | 477 | 11,412 | 13,039 | 3,842 | 2,350 | 226.4 | 10,689 | 226.9 | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 1,096 | 483 | 10,599 | 12,178 | 3,455 | 2,353 | 227.4 | 9,825 | 224.9 | |

(a) Excluding alterations and additions.

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available on request.

(c) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

(d) Including refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

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TRADE

TABLE 10 - VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS(a)(b)(c), QUEENSLAND

| Period | | Total exports \$'000 | Change from previous period % | Change from same qtr previous year % | Total imports \$'000 | Change from previous period % | Change from same qtr previous year % |
|--------|---------|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|
| 2005 | | | | | | | |
| | Dec qtr | 2,585,849 | 8.0 | 10.1 | 5,688,532 | 1.1 | -12.9 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | |
| | Sep qtr | 2,431,004r | 9.4r | 1.6r | 5,842,287r | 10.2r | 3.8r |
| | Dec qtr | 2,655,755 | 9.2 | 2.7 | 5,987,450 | 2.5 | 5.3 |

(a) Interstate exports and imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for OESR, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

(c) September quarter 2006 figures revised due to a systems error.

Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR).

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TABLE 11 - QUEENSLAND RETAIL TURNOVER BY INDUSTRY(a): ORIGINAL(b)

| Period | | Food retailing | Department stores | Clothing & soft goods retailing | Household goods retailing | Recreational goods retailing | Other retailing | Hospitality & services | Total |
|--------|-----|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| | | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jan | 1,361.8 | 220.1 | 270.3 | 512.3 | ^152.8 | 334.2 | 641.5 | 3,493.2 |
| | Dec | 1,654.0 | 483.6 | 342.5 | 718.1 | 241.2 | 523.8 | 692.8 | 4,656.0 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jan | 1,522.7 | 243.1 | 255.7 | 591.4 | ^156.7 | 329.9 | 603.4 | 3,702.9 |

^ estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

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TOURISM

TABLE 12 - LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS(a), QUEENSLAND

| Period | Establish-ments no. | Guest rooms no. | Bed spaces no. | Room nights occupied '000 | Room occupancy rate(b) % | Guest nights '000 | Bed occupancy rate % | Guest arrivals '000 | Takings from accomm- odation(b) \$'000 |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 1,069 | 56,896 | 174,612 | 3,783.8 | 72.3 | 7,500.0 | 46.7 | 2739.5 | 475,123 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jun qtr | 1,070 | 56,682 | 176,640 | 3,251.1 | 63.0 | 6,172.4 | 38.4 | 2375.8 | 411,070 |
| Sep qtr | 1,073 | 56,970 | 177,553 | 3,845.9 | 73.4 | 7,455.9 | 45.7 | 2772.3 | 505,820 |

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend figures are available for room occupancy rates and takings from accommodation in the data cube; Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001).

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0).

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Key Statistics Explanatory Notes

Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey

The estimates in **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)** are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 27 and 28 of **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)**.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval has a 95% chance of including the true value of the estimate.

MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2007 - QUEENSLAND

Monthly change

95% Confidence interval

| | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|----|---------|
| Total employment | -3,700 | 20,300 | to | -27,700 |
| Total unemployment | -400 | 12,000 | to | -12,800 |
| Unemployment rate | 0.0 | 0.6 | to | -0.6 |
| Participation rate | -0.2 | 0.6 | to | -1.0 |

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GST on Building Activity

Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

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